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Extract from the Proceedings of the Government of India in the Revenue and Agricultural Department, dated Calcutta, the 22nd July 1887.

MUSEUMS and EXHIBITIONS.

RESOLUTION.

Read the following Despatch,* with enclosures, received from Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India, regarding the proposed Melbourne Centennial Exhibition of 1888 :—

* No. 64 (S. & C.), dated the 16th June 1887.

No. 64 (Stats. & Comce.), dated India Office, London, the 16th June 1887.

From—THE RIGHT HONOURABLE VISCOUNT CROSS, G. C. B.,

Her Majesty's Secy. of State for India,

To—The Government of India.

I FORWARD herewith a copy of correspondence with the Colonial Office, relative to the proposed Melbourne Centennial Exhibition of 1888, for such action in the matter as you may deem advisable.

Dated Colonial Office, London, the 19th May 1887.

From—SIR R. H. MEADE, *Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies,*

To—The Under-Secretary of State for India.

I AM directed by the Secretary of State for the Colonies to transmit to you 50 copies, received from the Agent General for Victoria, of the Prospectus of the Melbourne Centennial Exhibition, 1888.

I am to request you will move Viscount Cross to take the necessary steps, as soon as practicable, to invite the representation of the Indian Government at this Exhibition.

Dated Colonial Office, London, the 21st May 1887.

From—SIR R. H. MEADE, *Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies,*

To—The Under-Secretary of State for India.

WITH reference to the letter from this Department of the 19th instant, I am directed by Secretary Sir H. Holland to acquaint you, for the information of Viscount Cross, that Her Majesty has decided to issue a Royal Commission for the Melbourne Centennial Exhibition, 1888, and I am to suggest, for His Lordship's consideration, that in bringing the proposed Exhibition to the notice of the Indian Government, the appointment of the Commission should be mentioned.

Dated India Office, London, the 16th June 1887.

From—J. A. GODLEY, ESQ., *Under-Secretary of State for India,*

To—The Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies.

I AM directed by the Secretary of State for India in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 19th and 21st ultimo, forwarding 50 copies of the Prospectus of the proposed Melbourne Centennial Exhibition of 1888, for transmission to the Government of India, and informing Viscount Cross that a Royal Commission will be issued for the Exhibition, and I am to inform you in reply that a copy of your letters and enclosures has been forwarded to the Government of India for such action in the matter as they may deem advisable.